

# Primordial Non-Gaussianity from the CMB Minkowski Functionals and Bispectrum

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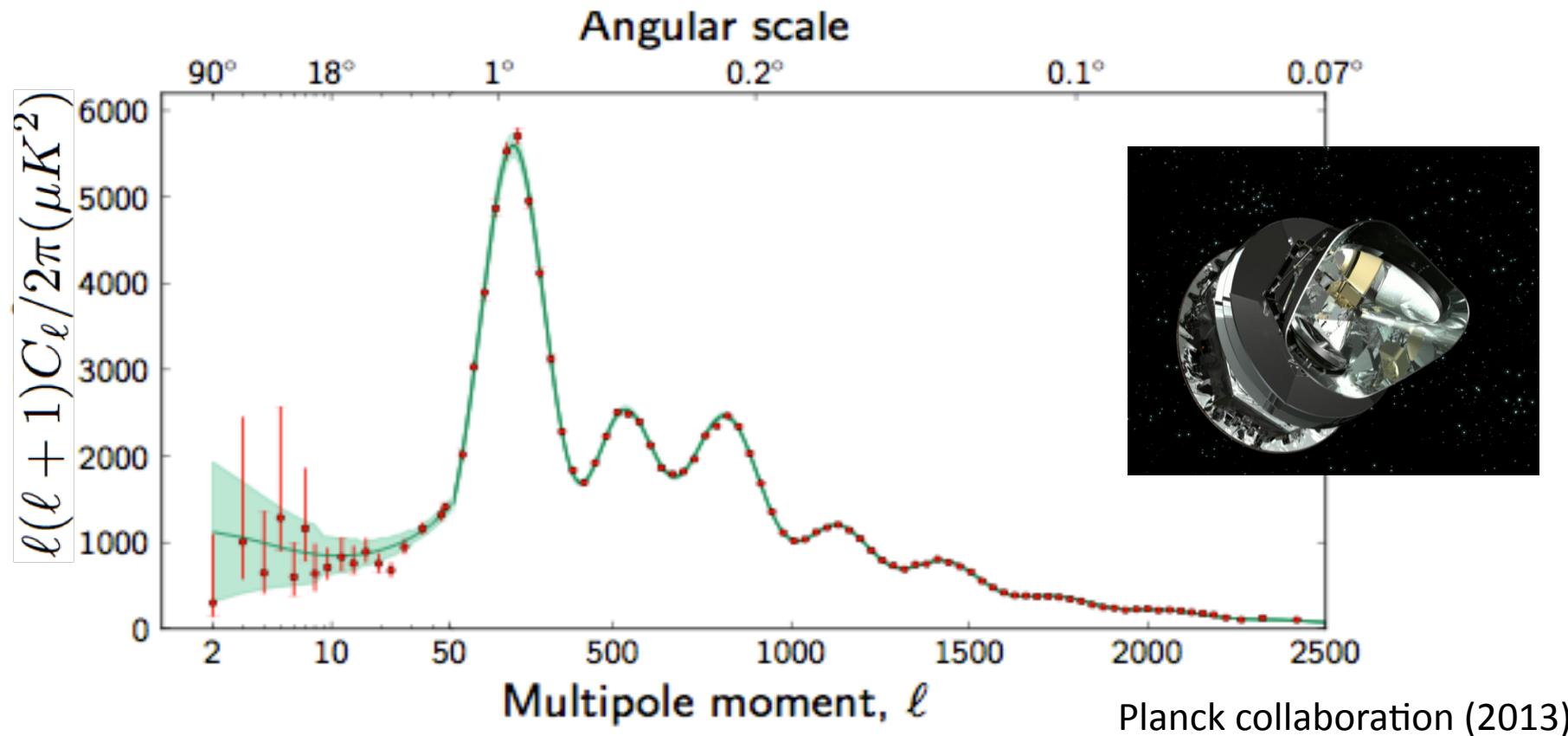
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# Outline

- What is non-Gaussianity?
- Why is it interesting?
- How to constrain NG using CMB statistics:  
bispectrum, Minkowski functionals..., and what are  
these?
- Earlier work.
- This work -- joint constraints.

# Inflation supported by observations

- Solves flatness problem, horizon problem, generate initial conditions.
- Planck: flat  $\Lambda$ CDM with nearly scale-invariant, Gaussian, adiabatic initial conditions.



# Further test of Inflation

- Tensor Modes: probes the energy scale of inflation

$$V^{1/4} \sim \left( \frac{r}{0.01} \right)^{1/4} 10^{16} \text{ GeV} \quad r < 0.11 \text{ (Planck collaboration 2013)}$$

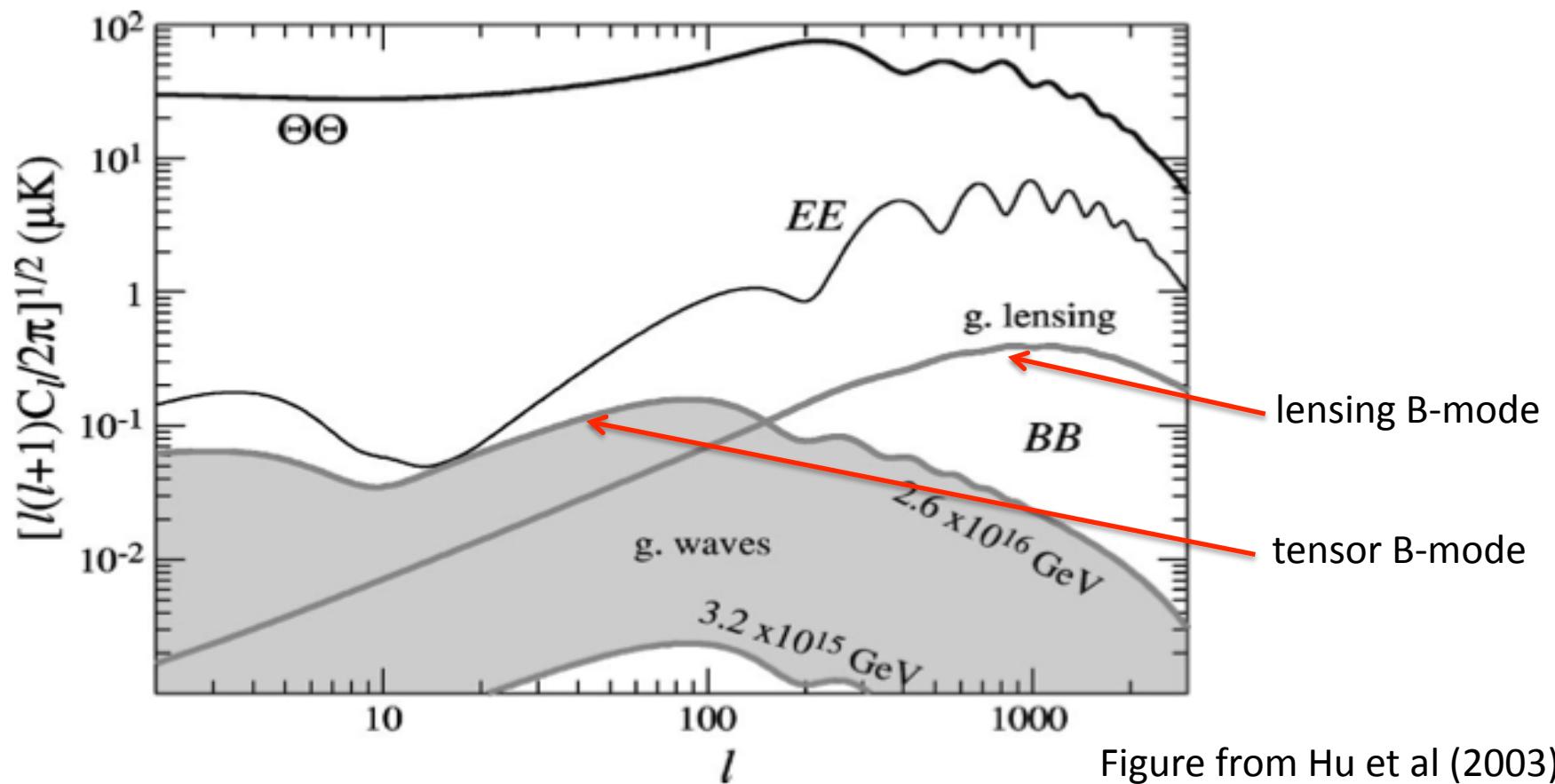
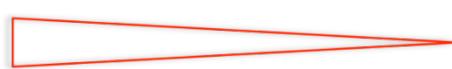
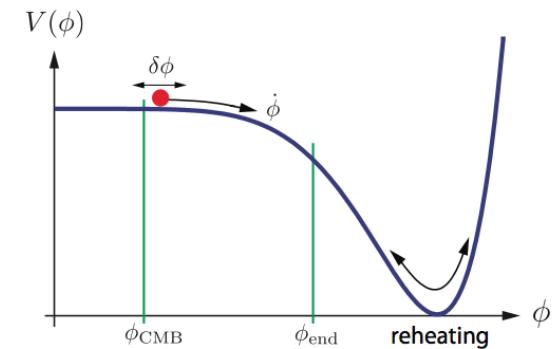


Figure from Hu et al (2003)

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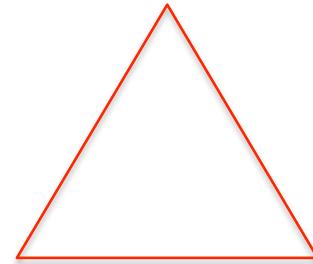
- Primordial Non-Gaussianity — beyond the 2pt statistics
  - Canonical single-field slow-roll: small NG
  - Deviations from SFSR: can have detectable NG
- Bispectrum: different amplitudes and shapes

$$\langle \Phi(\mathbf{k}_1)\Phi(\mathbf{k}_2)\Phi(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) B_\Phi(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$



local (squeezed)

$$k_1 \approx k_2 \gg k_3$$



equilateral

$$k_1 = k_2 = k_3$$



folded

$$k_1 = 2k_2 = 2k_3$$

powerful to discriminate different mechanisms for generating primordial perturbations

# Local-type PNG

- Generated by SFSR, multifield, curvaton etc, parameterized by

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\Phi_L(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{Gaussian}} + \underbrace{f_{NL}[\Phi_L^2(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \Phi_L^2(\mathbf{x}) \rangle]}_{\text{Non-Gaussian} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-5} f_{NL})}$$

Φ: minus gravitational potential

SFSR:  $f_{NL} \sim (1 - n_s) \sim 0.01$

Detection: rule out standard SFSR.

Non detection: rule out various extensions to SFSR.

Planck constraints:  $f_{NL}^{\text{local}} = 2.7 \pm 5.8$

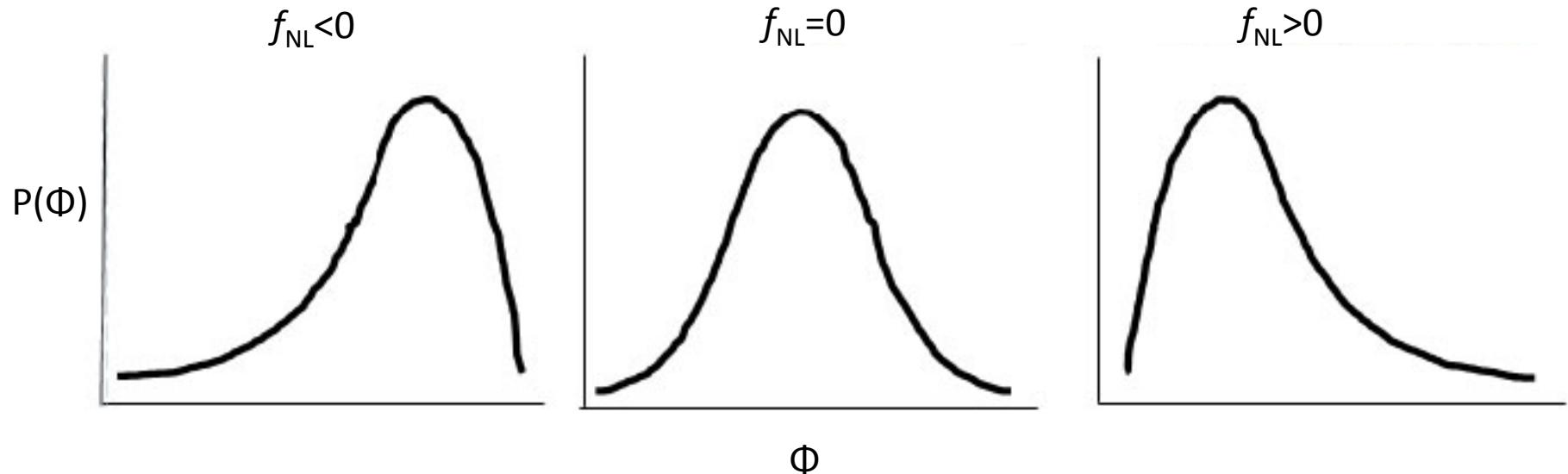
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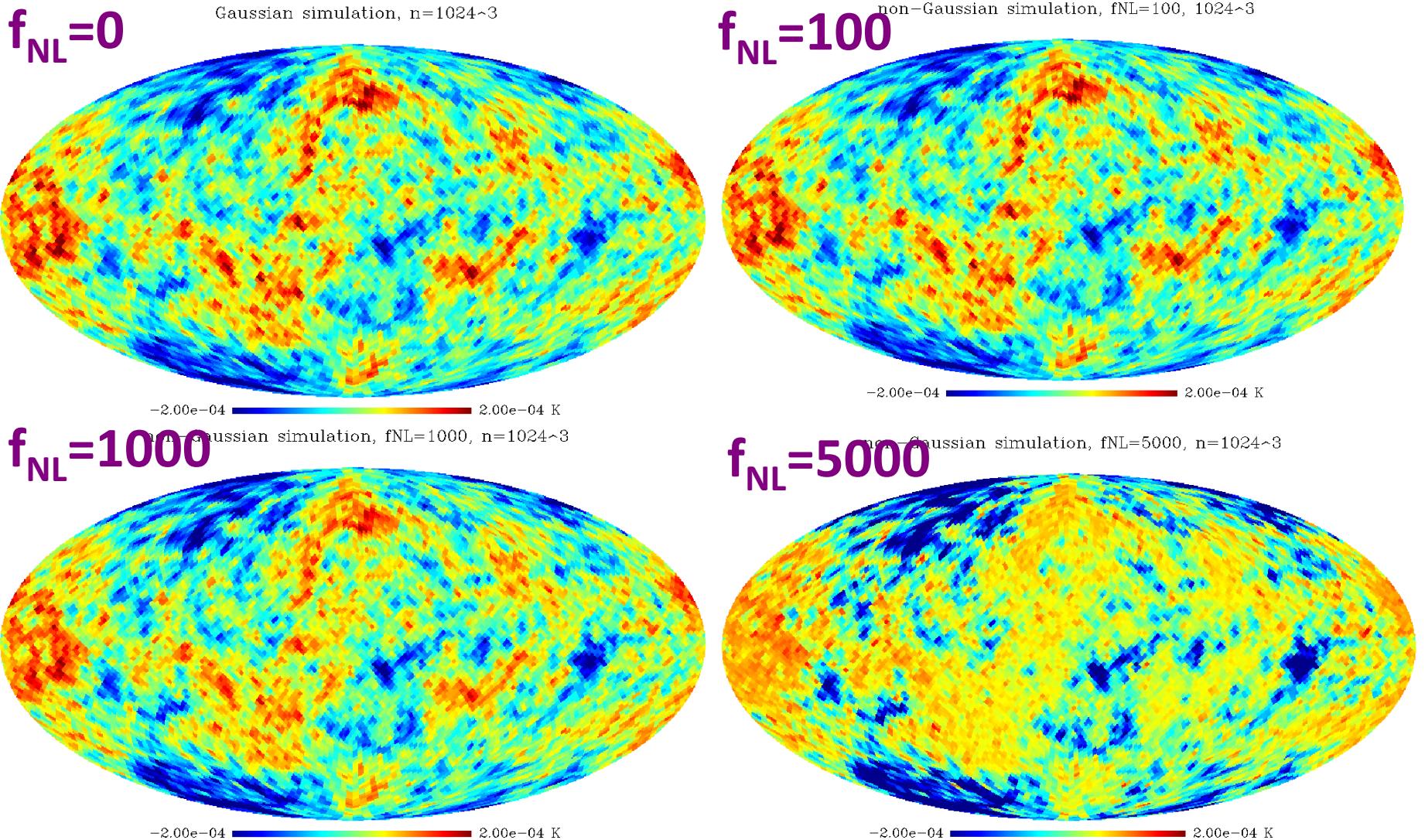
$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi_L(\mathbf{x}) + f_{NL} [\Phi_L^2(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \Phi_L^2(\mathbf{x}) \rangle]$$

$$B_\Phi(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 2f_{NL} [P_\Phi(k_1)P_\Phi(k_2) + \text{perm}]$$

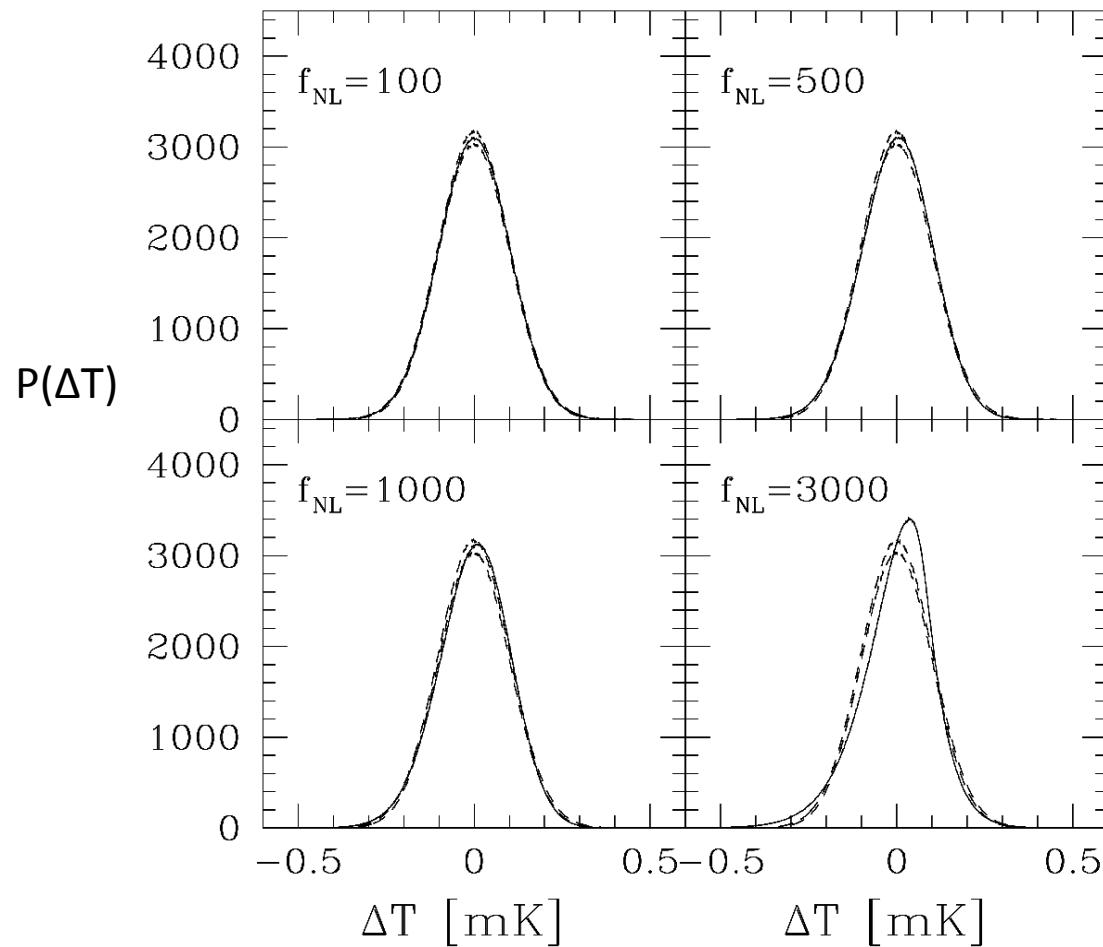
$$\text{Skewness: } \langle \Phi^3 \rangle = 2f_{NL} \langle \Phi^2 \rangle^2$$



# PNG and CMB



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Positive skew in  $\Phi$  causes  
negative skew in  $\Delta T$ .

Komatsu++ 2003

# CMB Bispectrum

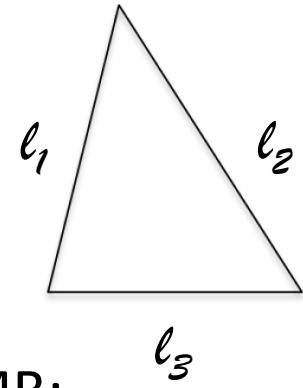
- Angle-averaged bispectrum

$$B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3} = \sum_{m_1 m_2 m_3} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 & \ell_2 & \ell_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\langle a_{\ell_1 m_1} a_{\ell_2 m_2} a_{\ell_3 m_3} \rangle}_{\equiv B_{\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3}^{m_1 m_2 m_3}}$$

vanishes unless:

$$\ell_1 + \ell_2 + \ell_3 = \text{even}$$

$$|\ell_i - \ell_j| \leq \ell_k \leq \ell_i + \ell_j$$

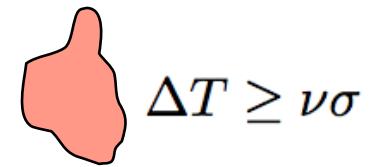


linear evolution from primordial perturbation to CMB:

$$a_{lm} = 4\pi (-i)^l \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \Phi(\mathbf{k}) g_{Tl}(k) Y_{lm}^*(\hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

$$B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3} \propto f_{NL}$$

# CMB Minkowski Functionals



- Morphological descriptors of excursion sets of CMB anisotropies--regions of the CMB sky above a temperature threshold.

Three MFs to define on a 2D sphere.

Ensember averages sensitive to statistical properties of the CMB.

For Gaussian:

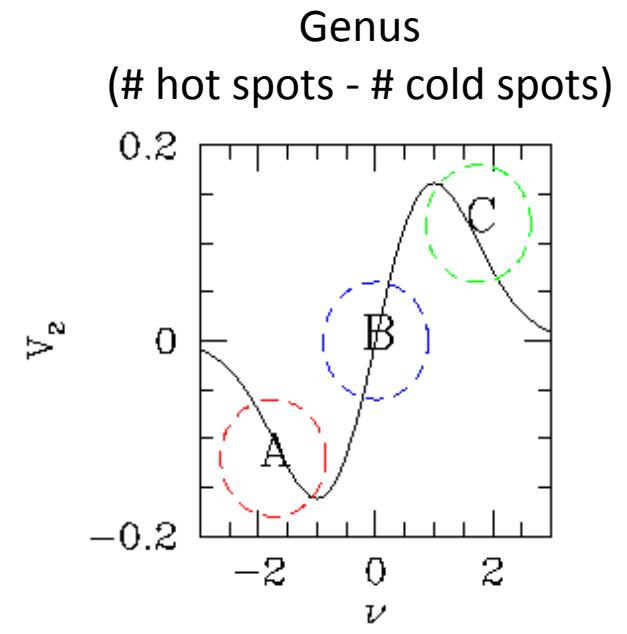
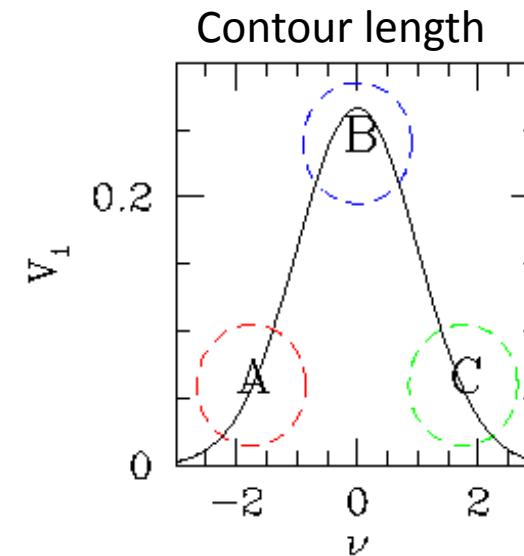
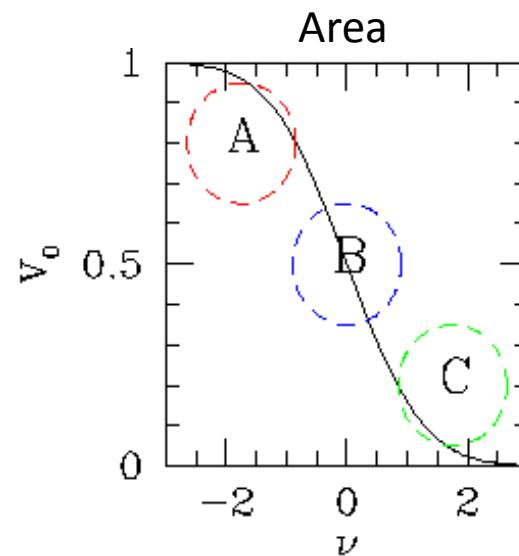


Figure from E. Komatsu

# Calculate the MFs

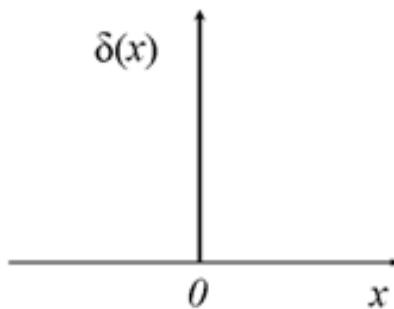
- Numerically for a given map

$$V_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{Q_\nu} d\Omega = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d\Omega \Theta(u - \nu)$$

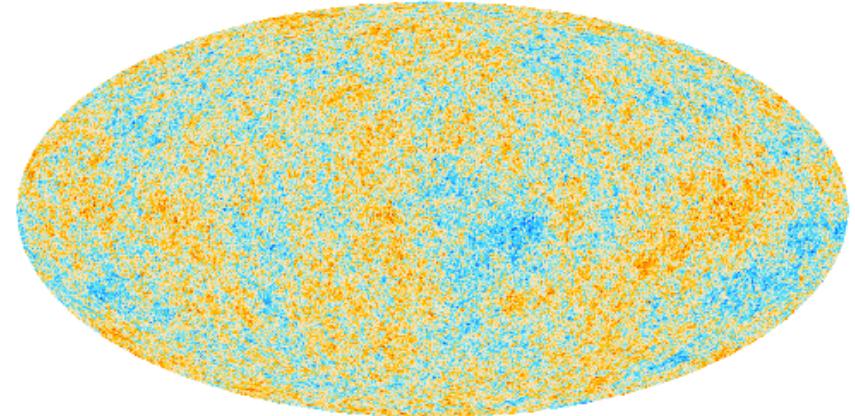
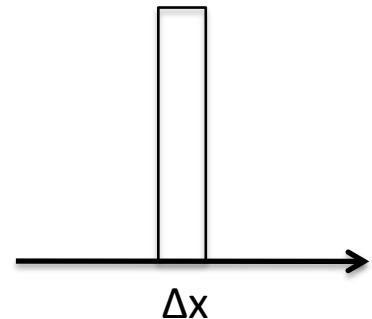
$$V_1 = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int_{\partial Q_\nu} dl = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d\Omega \delta(u - \nu) |\nabla u|$$

$$V_2 = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{\partial Q_\nu} dl \kappa = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int d\Omega \delta(u - \nu) |\nabla u| \kappa$$

- Replace delta function



by



1. Change line integrals  
to surface integrals

2. Replace surface  
integrals by summing  
over all pixels

# Calculate the MFs

- Theoretically for the ensemble average
  - Gaussian: exactly known, determined by  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma_1$  (or by power spectrum)
  - Non-Gaussian: expand around Gaussian, for hierarchical  $\langle f^n \rangle_c \sim \mathcal{O}(\sigma^{2n-2})$

$$V_k(\nu) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{(k+1)/2}} \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_{2-k}\omega_k} \left( \frac{\sigma_1}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right)^k e^{-\nu^2/2} \underbrace{(\nu_k^{(0)} + \nu_k^{(1)}\sigma + \nu_k^{(2)}\sigma^2 + \dots)}_{\text{Gaussian}} \underbrace{\nu_k^{(1)}\sigma + \nu_k^{(2)}\sigma^2 + \dots}_{\text{nonGaussian}}$$

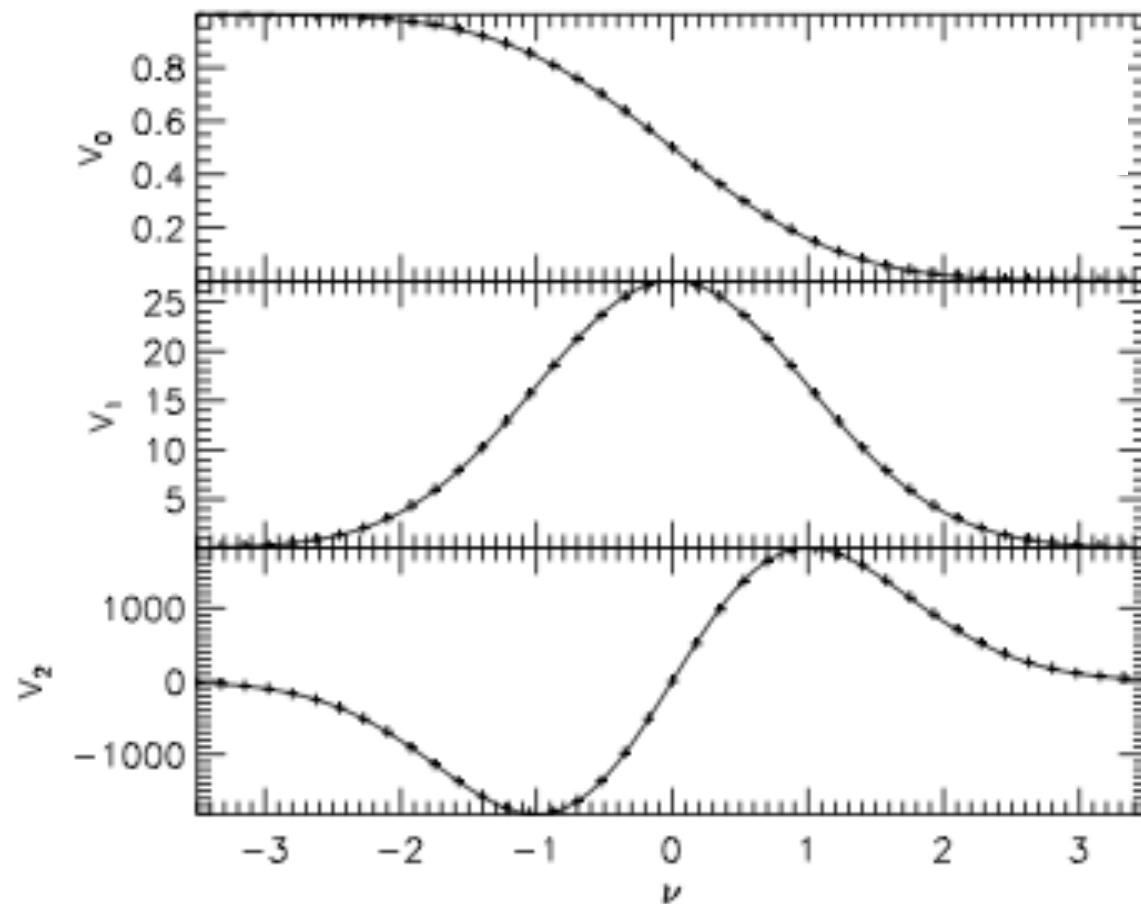
for  $k = 0, 1, 2$

leading non-Gaussian term determined by 3 skewness parameters, which are weighted sums of the bispectrum.

$$\nu_k^{(1)}(\nu) = \frac{S}{6} H_{k+2}(\nu) - \frac{k S_I}{4} H_k(\nu) - \frac{k(k-1) S_{II}}{4} H_{k-2}(\nu)$$

$$S = \frac{\langle f^3 \rangle}{\sigma^4}, \quad S_I = \frac{\langle f^2 \nabla^2 f \rangle}{\sigma^2 \sigma_1^2}, \quad S_{II} = \frac{2 \langle |\nabla f|^2 \nabla^2 f \rangle}{\sigma_1^4} \quad \boxed{\propto f_{NL}}$$

Numerical results agree well with theoretical predictions



Points: averages over  
1000 simulated  
Gaussian maps.

Lines: theoretical  
prediction for the  
Gaussian averages.

# MF vs Bispectrum Constraints

- MF and Bispectrum: complementary NG probes
  - Real space (MF) vs harmonic space (Bispectrum)
  - Sensitive to different systematics
  - MF can probe all order of statistics, Bispectrum probe the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Constraints in the literature

	Bispectrum (KSW)	MFs
WMAP5	$58 \pm 36$	$-60 \pm 60$
Planck	$2.7 \pm 5.8$	$4.2 \pm 20.5$

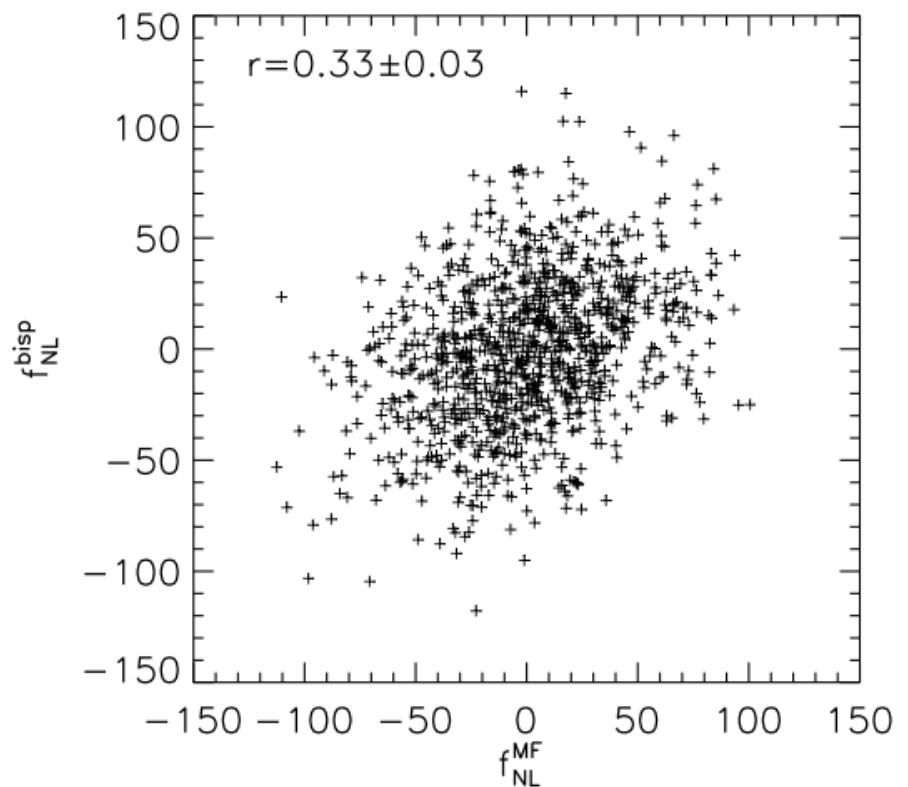
→ differ by  $3\sigma$

- Correlation between the two? Combined constraints?

# Correlations b/w the two estimators

- Simulate CMB (Gaussian) maps including observational effects typical to the WMAP 7yr V+W band data
  - Beam smearing
  - Instrumental noises
  - Poisson Point sources
- MF analysis
  - Smooth maps at 3 different angular scales
  - Combine results at all scales
- Find positive correlation

$$r=0.33$$



WF, Becker, Huterer & Lim 2013

# Tighter Combined Constraints:

Combine the two estimators of  $f_{NL}$ - assumming bi-variate Gaussian:

$$\mathcal{L} \propto |\mathbf{C}|^{-1/2} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{f}_{NL} - \bar{\mathbf{f}}_{NL}) \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{f}_{NL} - \bar{\mathbf{f}}_{NL})^T \right]$$

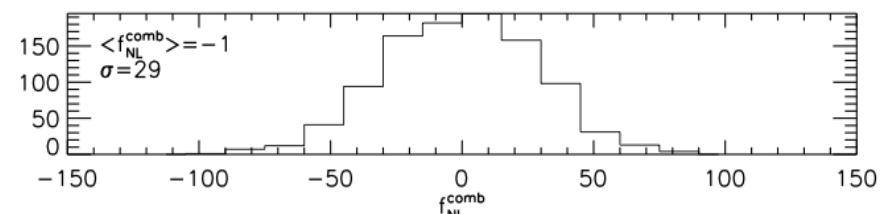
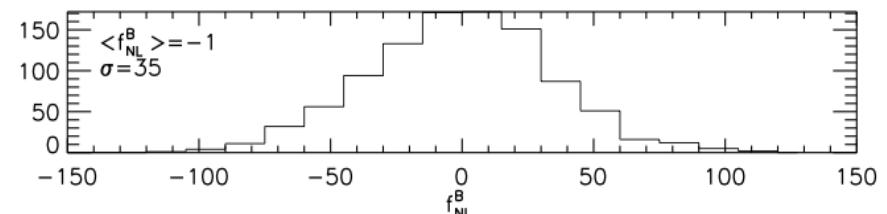
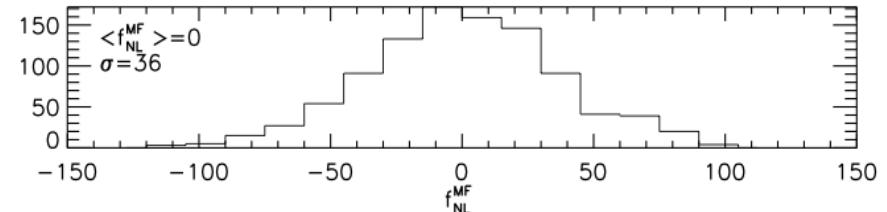
Given a pair of measurement

$$\mathbf{f}_{NL} \equiv [f_{NL}^{MF}, f_{NL}^{bisp}]$$

find the best estimate for  $\bar{f}_{NL}$

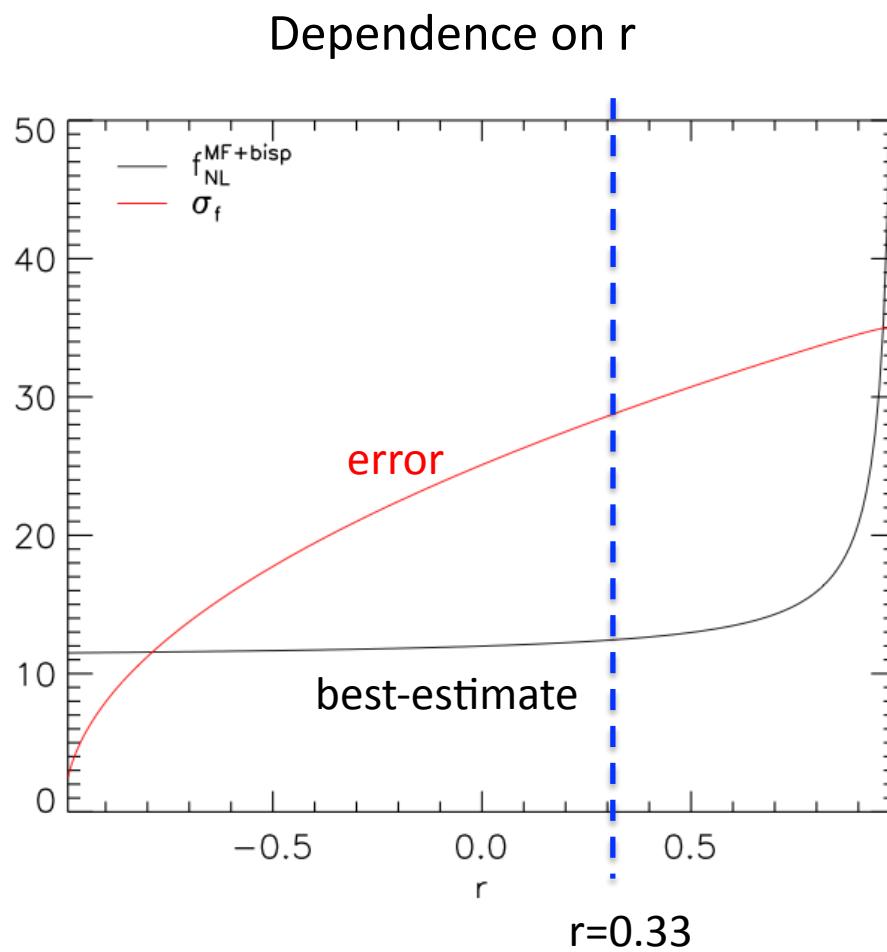
- Assuming C independent on  $\bar{f}_{NL}$
- Maximize the likelihood w. r. t  $\bar{f}_{NL}$

$$\bar{f}_{NL} = \frac{\mathbb{I} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{f}_{NL}^T}{\mathbb{I} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbb{I}^T}, \quad \sigma_{\bar{f}_{NL}}^2 = \frac{1}{\mathbb{I} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbb{I}^T}$$



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# Apply to WMAP:



7yr co-added V+W band

	$\theta(')$	$f_{NL}$
Minkowski Functionals	5 20 80 all	$-33 \pm 110$ $-27 \pm 52$ $-8 \pm 70$ $-24 \pm 36$
bispectrum		$46 \pm 35$
<b>MF + bisp</b>		<b><math>12 \pm 29</math></b>

Combination improves error by  $\sim 20\%$ .

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# Conclusions

- We find positive correlation between the estimators of  $f_{\text{NL}}$  from MF and from the bispectrum.
- Combination of the two could improve constraints by ~20%, hence shrink more of the allowed model space.
- SFSR consistent with our results from WMAP7.